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REFS: (A) STATE 145612, (B) PARIS 17694, (C) PARIS 18400

1. BY REF (A) USG SUGGESTED THAT FRENCH CONVENE PARIS GROUP IN EARLY AUTUMN TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR LUGANO GOVERNMENT EXPERTS CONFERENCE ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TO BE HELD IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1976. THIS SUGGESTION RESULTED FROM EARLIER US-UK-CANADIAN DISCUSSIONS. BY REFS (B) AND (C) FRANCE HAS REPLIED THAT IT CANNOT HOST MEETING OF PARIS GROUP AT THAT TIME BUT URGED US TO TRY TO HAVE MEETING CONVENED BY ANOTHER EUROPEAN MEMBER.

2. AFTER BRIEF TELEPHONIC CONSULTATION WITH CANADIAN REP (DAVID MILLER) AND UK EMB. OFF, IN WASHINGTON, USG HAS DECIDED TO REQUEST GON TO HOST PARIS GROUP MEETING IN THE HAGUE IN SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. WE BELIEVE GON IS CLEARLY BEST CHOICE IN VIEW OF FRENCH INABILITY TO CONVENE MEETING IN EARLY AUTUMN.

3. DRAWING ON ABOVE AND ON REFTELS, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH GON AND ASK THAT IT UNDERTAKE TO HOST THE MEETING, PREFERABLY ON SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH 12. WE

UNDERSTAND THOSE DATES ARE CONVENIENT FOR US, UK, CANADA, AND FRANCE. IN OUR CASE, US REPS ALDRICH AND ANDERSON WILL BE IN EUROPE FROM SEPTEMBER 2 THROUGH 9 ON OTHER BUSINESS. HOWEVER, SHOULD THOSE DATES BE INCONVENIENT FOR GON, WE WOULD, OF COURSE, TRY TO ATTEND AT ANOTHER TIME. MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO BEGIN WESTERN CONSULTATIONS IN SEPTEMBER, OR EARLY OCTOBER AT THE LATEST.

4. HEAD OF DUTCH DEL TO 1975 SESSION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE LAWS OF WAR WAS AMBASSADOR R. FACK AND HEAD OF EXPERT DEL TO 1975 WEAPONS CONFERENCE WAS BRIGADIER GENERAL J. ANEMAET.

5. IN MAKING REQUEST TO GON, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE ALL APPROPRIATE POINTS REF (A), INCLUDING OUR VIEWS FAVORING INVITATION TO JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

6. FOR LONDON AND OTTAWA. PLEASE INFORM APPROPRIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIALS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS (NOTED REF (A)) OF OUR DECISION TO APPROACH GON AND SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF PARALLEL APPROACHES BY UK AND CANADA. KISSINGER

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